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## **Senator Basham Announces \$44,500 in Arts and Culture Grants** *Taylor, Riverview and Wyandotte Communities Receive Cultural Funding*

TAYLOR, Mich.—Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) is pleased to announce that the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) has awarded three 2009 Arts and Cultural Grants to the Downriver area: \$12,000 to the Downriver Council for the Arts, \$9,000 to the Southern Great Lakes Symphony and \$23,500 to the City of Wyandotte.

“Arts and cultural organizations truly enrich the quality of life for citizens while at the same time revitalizing communities and helping drive our local economies,” said Sen. Basham. “I would like to thank MCACA for supporting these projects in my area and around Michigan and providing the grants to make them possible.”

The Downriver Council for the Arts grant will help with upgrading their marketing and promotional materials, which will include producing a newsletter and other program development. The grant to the Southern Great Lakes Symphony will fund five subscription concerts, four Culinary Concertos, a concert in Taylor for all third, fourth and fifth graders in the district, and traveling for chamber groups to visit 19 schools. The City of Wyandotte will use their grant to implement the Wyandotte arts incubator project and install an elevator in the Masonic Temple Building.

MCACA awarded more than \$7.9 million in the form of 290 arts and cultural grants in 53 counties. All grant applications were evaluated through a process of peer review. Panels, consisting of arts and cultural professionals from throughout the state, evaluated and judged each application based on published review criteria. This process resulted in recommendations for funding consideration to the council. Projects funded by MCACA must be completed within fiscal year 2009, which begins Oct. 1, 2008, and ends Sept. 30, 2009.

A complete list of grant recipients can be found at [www.michigan.gov/arts](http://www.michigan.gov/arts).

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